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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, MR. SHARD.

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Mount Gambier Hospital Extensions

Cabinet has approved the expenditure of more than \$1,400,000 for new buildings at the Mount Gambier Hospital, the Minister of Health, Mr. Shard, announced today.

He said the work involves the construction of an additional wing to the staff block and a new nurses training school on the site of the recently demolished old hospital building.

Mr. Shard said the building programme at Mount Gambier was being given priority by the Government.

The 5 storey staff wing is planned as an extension to the existing staff block and will include 56 bedrooms on the four upper floors for resident nursing staff. The ground floor will provide bedroom accommodation for 3 resident medical officers and change-rooms for non-resident male and female nurses.

"The training school complex will provide a wide range of facilities for the nursing staff," Mr. Shard said.

"These include a library/museum, a chapel, offices for tutor sisters, a recreation room, demonstration area, lecture theatre, three classrooms and a science laboratory."

This building will be single-storey except for a second-storey suite of classrooms located over the south-western section.

In addition to the new buildings the southern area of the site will be landscaped and will include a parking area for 128 vehicles.

It is expected that the whole project will be completed by early 1974.